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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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CASABLANCA FOR CIVIL AIR ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR MASS MR

SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE ORDERS SKY VANS

1. EMBASSY HAS RELIABLY LEARNED THAT MAURITANIAN MILITARY AIR ARM, GARIM, HAS ORDERED TWO SKY VANS MANUFACTURED IN BELFAST. MAURITANIA HAS PAID 650,000 POUNDS STERLING IN ADVANCE AND EXPECTS TO TAKE DELIVERY ON OCTOBER 15. SKY VANS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT GARIM AND TO SUPPLEMENT MAURITANIA'S SEMI-PRIVATE COMMERCIAL AIRLINE, AIR MAURITANIE, ON INTERNAL ROUTES. SINCE SKY VANS WILL BE MAKING REGULAR MILITARY RUNS TO CERTAIN ISOLATED PARTS OF COUNTRY, IT IS REASONED THEY CAN ALSO HELP MEET COMMERCIAL AIR NEEDS. CONSEQUENTLY, GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO MAKE DOUBLE USE OF PLANES, PARTICULARLY TO AND FROM NEMA AND NORTHERN SECTOR.

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2. GARIM PRESENTLY HAS ONLY TWO AIRPLANES IN FLYING
CONDITION--BOTH CESSNA 337S. DC-3S AND 4S IN GARIM
INVENTORY ARE IN SUCH BAD CONDITION THAT THEY CAN BE
USED ONLY FOR PARTS. THEREFORE, ARRIVAL OF TWO SKY
VANS WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE LIFT CAPABILITY OF GARIM.
MAURITANIAN MILITARY PILOTS WILL BE SENT TO BELFAST FOR
TRAINING PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF PLANES.HANDYSIDE

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